REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 8-14. Claims 1-7, however, remain rejected. In reliance on the allowance of claims 8-14 and to expedite the allowance of this application, Applicant has canceled claims 1-7. This cancellation is made without prejudice, waiver, dedication, or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Indeed, Applicant may pursue those claims (or other claims supported by the specification) in one or more continuing applications.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 8-14 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

No time extensions or fees are believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any such extensions are required, the undersigned hereby petitions for such, and you are hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this submission to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted.

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